

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD AND CANVASSING OF THE ABSENTEE AND PROVISIONAL BALLOTS FOR THE AUGUST 26, 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION

The Calhoun County Canvassing Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, to canvass absentee and provisional ballots for the August 26, 2008 Primary Election. This meeting is open to the public and will be held in the Calhoun County Supervisor of Elections Office in the Calhoun County Courthouse, 20859 Central Avenue East, Room G-10, Blountstown, Florida.

Sealed absentee ballots for the Primary Election received prior to 2 p.m. on August 26 will be available for public inspection in the Supervisor of Elections Office from 2 p.m. until the Canvassing Board convenes at 3 p.m. Immediately afterward, those absentee ballots will be opened and processed, but not tabulated. Tabulation of all absentee ballots will not begin until after 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2008. Any ballots received between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, will be available for public inspection until opened. Those wishing to inspect absentee ballots received during that time period must be present. Shortly after receipt, those ballots will be opened and processed, but not tabulated.

Pursuant to Section 101.68(2)(c)2, Florida Statutes, if any elector or candidate present believes that an absentee ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the Canvassing Board a protest against the canvass of that ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon a defect in the voter's certificate may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope.

The Calhoun County Canvassing Board will reconvene at 7 p.m. on August 26, 2008 to canvass precinct returns and provisional ballots. It may become necessary for the Calhoun County Canvassing Board to reconvene after August 26, 2008. If so, the time and date will be posted at the Calhoun County Supervisor of Elections Office and announced at the conclusion of the August 26, 2008 meeting. In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, all Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public.

Note: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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